

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division

QASIM RASHID,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH CECIL VANDEVERE,

Defendant.

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1:21-cv-615 (LMB/IDD)

ORDER

For the reasons stated in open court, it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment [Dkt. No. 34] be and is DENIED IN PART and GRANTED IN PART. It is denied as to Count I of the complaint and granted as to defendant's "public figure" affirmative defense; and it is further

ORDERED that defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment [Dkt. No. 37] be and is DENIED.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to counsel of record.

Entered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Alexandria, Virginia

/s/ 

Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge